

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 15 have been amended. Claims 7, 10-14, 18-21 and 24-25 have been previously cancelled. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8-9, 15-17 and 22-23 are now are presented for examination. The following remarks are in response to the final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-6, 8-9, 15-17 and 22-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Gao, U.S. Patent No. 6,581,094 (“Gao”).

Applicant respectfully submits that Gao discloses a browser on a display device which is used to “display the contents of the UDD file, including identity attributes, system attributes, geography attributes.” Further, a visual page is provided to allow a “user to interact with a displayed UDD file.” (col. 11, lines 25-36). Gao further discloses executing “[a] method executed by *one or more digital devices operating in a networked environment includes . . . storing a network address for each digital device in a set of digital devices within a networked environment . . . [and a] Uniform Device Descriptor file is associated with each digital device of the set of digital devices.*” (Abstract; emphasis provided). Gao further discloses “[t]he *server preferably includes a search module . . . [to facilitate] searches for specified digital devices within the networked environment . . . [and] the routing module operates to deliver a specified UDD file to a selected digital device within the networked environment so that the UDD file may be visually displayed on the selected digital device.*” (col. 3, lines 42-51; emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part, recites “using the retrieved discovery information to generate a network topology map for the one or more network devices.” (emphasis provided). Applicant submits that Gao does not teach or reasonably suggest such a feature. Gao discloses “search[ing] for specified digital devices within the networked environment” (col. 3, lines 42-51); however, nowhere does Gao teach or reasonably suggest generating a network topology map of network devices, as recited by claim 1. Hence, Gao does not teach or reasonably suggest each and every element of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 5 and 15 include limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5 and 15 and their dependent claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Gao in view of Vaishnavi, et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,734,642 (“Vaishnavi”).

Claim 17 depends from claim 15 and thus includes all the limitations of its base claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 17.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.


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Respectfully submitted,

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